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Sent: Wednesday, 13 March 2019 10:09 PM
To: Local Government Mailbox <localgovernment@ipart.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Lithgow City Council Rate Rise

To whom it may concern,

In regards to Lithgow City Council rate rise I feel in the current financial climate a rate rise is not sustainable. Young families are struggling with day to day expenses without another increase.

I feel the Council also need to be transparent & accountable for rate payers monies spent.

eg: sale of land in Barton Ave Wallerawang to The Brethren without any notification of sale, the over spending on the current Main Street Lithgow improvements -the Plaza and funding to road improvements just being wasted as can be seen with the money spent on Main street Wallerawang which is now breaking up.

I hope the increase is not being used to pay out our last General Manager.

Lithgow Council should be put into Administration to give Lithgow Rate payers more accountability with monies spent and more transparency in regards to future spending of rate payer rates, such as staff pay rises, the purchase of new vehicles, and transparency in the approval of future contracts for projects.
NO BACK HANDERS FOR CONTRACTS.

I am born & bred local having vast experience in coal mining, sporting & agriculture.

Lithgow Council need to have forward thinking plans for the growth of our area, power and coal unfortunately are not the way of the future.

We live in a beautiful part of the world Destination Destination Tourism Tourism!!!!!!

Everyone knows Katoomba and Bathurst & poor old Lithgow gets by passed.

Lithgow is the opening to the west, we need to show case Lithgow in a positive manner and encourage businesses and people to move to the Greater Lithgow area.

I understand Ipart will give the current council the opportunity to comment on the above issues and they will submit responses to justify there decisions, but I hope Ipart will do a full investigation into The Lithgow Council.

Yours Truly,

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